## 8.3 DATA DISTRIBUTION FORMATS

This section describes the digital data formats which NOAA/NESDIS uses to distribute data from the NOAA Level 1b database.

## 8.3.1 NOAA LEVEL 1B (NATIVE) FORMAT AND SELECTIVE EXTRACTS

This section describes the NOAA Level 1b digital data format. This includes the data formats archived by NOAA/NESDIS and distributed to near-realtime users, and the formats produced by NESDIS archive retrieval systems for customers of retrospective data (data older than 24 hours).